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1. TRADE CENTER DIRECTOR STADTLER REPRESENTED EMBASSY AT NAMIBIA DAY MEETING AT SIDA (SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY) HEADQUARTERS IN STOCKHOLM ON AUGUST 26, MARKING "THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF ARMED RESISTANCE BY SWAPO". JUST UNDER 100 PERSONS ATTENDED THE MEETING, ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF WHOM WERE EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES, LARGELY FROM AFRICAN STATES, EASTERN EUROPE, NORTH KOREA AND CHINA. PIERRE SCHORI SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER OLOF PALME, OPENED THE MEETING ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND IN TURN INTRODUCED HADINO HISHONGWA, SWAPO REPRESENTATIVE FOR SCANDINAVIA, GERMANY AND AUSTRIA, OLIVER TAMBO, PRESIDENT

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OF THE ANC, AND TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR MHINA. SCHORI ALSO WELCOMED TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ZIMBABWE PATRIOTIC FRONT, WHO MADE NO REMARKS.

2. AFTER A RENDITION OF THE SWAPO/ANC NATIONAL ANTHEM (THE SAME AS TANZANIA'S NATIONAL ANTHEM), HISHONGWA SAID THAT THE FALL OF THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES HAD

SHIFTED THE BALANCE OF POWER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THAT SWAPO WAS FIGHTING WITH LIBERATION FORCES IN ZIMBABWE AND ELSEWHERE TO STAMP OUT RACISM. SOUTH AFRICA CONTINUED ITS SUPPORT TO UNITA AND THE FNLA IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOUNTER PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN THE AREA. SWAPO WAS NOW ENGAGED IN A FULL DIPLOMATIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY OFFENSIVE. ON THE MILITARY SIDE, HISHONGWA CLAIMED THAT MOST OF THE NORTHEASTERN AREAS OF NAMIBIA WERE UNDER SWAPO CONTROL AND THAT SWAPO FORCES THERE WERE CONSOLIDATING THEIR POSITIONS. LOCAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES WERE BEING ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT THE REGION. FURTHERMORE, POLITICAL CADRES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN ALL PARTS OF NAMIBIA, INCLUDING WINDHOEK. REFERRING TO RECENT ATTEMPTS AT MEDIATION, HISHONGWA SAID THAT SINCE THE GROUP OF FIVE IN EFFECT "RECOGNIZED THE SOUTH WEST AFRICAN ADMINISTRATION" HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THESE COUNTRIES WERE SINCERE. HE CONTINUED THAT THE WHITE INHBITANTS OF NAMIBIA ARE ON NOTICE THAT WHILE THEY COULD REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY AFTER INDEPENDENCE ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY, THEY SHOULD JOIN FORCES WITH SWAPO NOW. IN CLOSING, HISHONGWA EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES FOR THE SUPPORT THEY HAD GIVEN SWAPO.

3. OLIVER TAMBO, WHO HAD JUST COME TO SWEDEN FROM THE ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE IN LAGOS AS A GUEST OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ULLSTEN, SAID THAT SWAPO AND THE ANC WERE FIGHTING A COMMON STRUGGLE. THE ANC WAS COMMITTED TO EQUALITY OF ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE OR COLOR, ADDING THAT "AT THE CREATION WE WERE ALL THE SAME". THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT SWAPO WAS WINNING THE WAR. THE GROUP OF FIVE WAS NOW INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE IT WANTED TO SHARE IN THE COMING VICTORY, BUT WAS NOT SHEDDING ITS BLOOD. SWAPO WAS WILLING TO TALK TO VOERSTER, BUT ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT SOUTH AFRICA REMOVE ITS TROOPS FROM NAMIBIA AND THAT THE PARTIES NEGOTIATE AS EQUALS. TRUE LIBERATION DID NOT MEAN THE AUTOMATIC REPLACEMENT OF A WHITE PRIME MINISTER BY A BLACK AS HAD HAPPENED UNDER BRITISH COLONIAL RULE, BUT BY A PRIME MINISTER WHO BELIEVED IN GENUINE EQUALITY, WHO COULD BE WHITE. TRUE LIBERATION MEANT, MOREOVER, THAT THE SOURCES OF THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH WERE IN THE HANDS OF THE MASSES. THE TYPE OF GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN BE DECIDED BY THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE AND NOT JUST BY THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. TAMBO LOOKED FORWARD TO THE DAY WHEN THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE WOULD BE GONE AND ALL WOULD LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY. SWAPO DOES NOT WANT

THE ETHNIC DIVISION AND GROUPINGS OF THE TRANSKEI.
NEVERTHELESS, DESPITE HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE EVENTUAL
OUTCOME, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE STRUGGLE WOULD BE MORE
DIFFICULT BEFORE IT BECAME EASIER AND THAT THIS STRUGGLE
WOULD PERFORCE SPILL OVER TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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4. AMBASSADOR MHINA SAID THAT HE HAD COME ON BEHALF OF
THE AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY IN SWEDEN AND THE OAU
TO SHOW THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH SWAPO. APART FROM SOME-
WHAT LACKLUSTER GENERALITIES, MHINA SAID THAT WHILE THE
UNITED NATIONS HAD RECOGNIZED THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE
IN NAMIBIA AS ILLEGAL FOR SOME TIME, "NOW EVEN THE US'
UN AMBASSADOR HAS RECOGNIZED THIS." THE AMBASSADOR EX-
PRESSED THE HOPE THAT SWEDEN WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN
EDUCATING THE WESTERN WORLD ABOUT APARTHEID. "IN THE
END," HE SAID, "MIGHT NEVER WINS; WITNESS WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE US IN VIETNAM."

5. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING, EMBASSY OFFICER
INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO HISHONGWA AND TAMBO, BOTH OF
WHOM SEEMED GENUINELY PLEASED THAT THE EMBASSY HAD
SENT A REPRESENTATIVE. TAMBO WAS BY FAR THE MOST
IMPRESSIVE SPEAKER AND APPEARED TO BE RELAXED AND CON-
FIDENT. SIDA'S RECEPTION AREA CONTAINED AN INTERESTING

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EXHIBIT OF CA 50 PHOTOS SHOWING FOUR LARGE UNARMED COMPANY-SIZED SWAPO UNITS TALLING ABOUT 200 INDIVIDUALS PRESUMABLY IN ZAMBIA, AS WELL AS SEVERAL PHOTOS OF LIBERATION FLAGS HOISTED INSIDE NAMIBIAN TERRITORY.

6. COMMENT. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, NO GOS FIGURES OTHER THAN SIDA OFFICIALS ATTENDED THE SWAPO CELEBRATION, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE FALLDIN REGIME HAS GIVEN FULL SUPPORT TO THE STRONGLY PRO-SWAPO POLICY INHERITED FROM FORMER PALME GOVERNMENT, THE SPONSORSHIP ROLE OF THE

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AT THE RECEPTION, REPRESENTED BY SCHORI, MAY WELL EXPLAIN THE ABSENCE OF AN OFFICIAL SWEDISH PRESENCE. THE GOS DID MARK NAMIBIA DAY, HOWEVER, THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTER SODER'S PUBLIC STATEMENT (STOCKHOLM 3652).

7. IN A DINNER CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE AUGUST 29, FOREIGN MINISTER SODER SAID SHE HAD MET WITH TAMBO AND WAS ENCOURAGED BY HIS VIEW THAT SOME PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT (PRESUMABLY PARTICULARLY ON NAMIBIA) AND THAT IT WAS BETTER TO PROCEED ON A SOLID BASIS RATHER THAN TO TRY TO DO EVERYTHING ALL AT ONCE. AT THE SAME TIME, MRS. SODER SAID TAMBO HAD SAID HE THOUGHT BLOODSHED AND VIOLENCE COULD NOT BE AVOIDED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THIS WAS LESS ENCOURAGING TO HER. DISCUSSING HER OWN PLANS TO GO TO AFRICA AGAIN FOLLOWING HER APPEARANCE AT THE UNGA, MRS. SODER STRESSED THE DESIRE OF THE GOS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS, AND SHE NOTED THE LARGE AREA OF US-SWEDISH AGREEMENT.

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